



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Funding Streams Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

June 11, 2015

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Attendees: Marissa Manlove, Andy Goebel, Ted Maple, Kyle Wehmann, Monica DiOrio, Kim Olesker, James Betley, Terry Green, Mary Lee Freeze, Melanie Brizzi

Key Topics Discussed:

Funding Streams Memo Review:

- Goal to present to ELAC in August
- Issues that remain:
 - 2 funding sources cannot tell us the specific funding amount for ECE
 - Recommendation to zero those numbers and reference in narrative
 - Both Melanie and Ted will check with First Steps
 - After these issues are resolved, the memo will be ready to present to stakeholder distribution list with Kevin's letter explaining the request to review the Memo.
 - Others offered to reach out to the stakeholders if Andrew is not comfortable.
- Melanie presents on CCDBG Reauthorization (*power point in Wiggio*)
- CEELO document: New report on developing funding strategies: *State Financing Strategies for Early Care and Education Systems*
 - This report (Lori is author) lays out different ways in which ECE is funded and organized, also highlights many different pay models.
 - Lori has a great understanding of other states different financing strategies.
- Multi-part provider cost survey request (Melanie)
 - Feds have been developing a provider cost tool that they piloted, but it was cumbersome at state level and may be difficult for providers
 - The revised version of the fed provider cost tool is supposed to be better. This workgroup could review it.
 - Providers need better understanding of layering of funding - they are having a difficult time utilizing multiple funding sources.
 - Need some written guidance on this - a guidance document on how to stay in compliance and leverage these resources (the complexity is the barrier to leveraging resources effectively).
 - Reauthorization allows states the flexibility to change the way they determine CCDF reimbursement rates. We use a market rate survey now, but not a very effective method.



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- How to help providers create a cost model for themselves?
- Using a cost analysis rather than market rate survey would be better.
- Issue a RFI to issue an unbiased cost-analysis survey?
- To sum, there are 3 tasks for this workgroup:
 1. Direct Support - Have workgroup review revised federal provider cost tool.
 2. Consultation/guidance - Providers need greater understanding of layering of funding and to remain accountable to multiple funding streams while staying in compliance with different requirements. Workgroup will create an outline of how to do this.
 3. Cost-analysis survey for FSSA - Workgroup to develop what is needed for a cost-analysis approach.

Key Questions Raised:

1. Do we need to get feedback from stakeholders first, before getting this Memo in front of ELAC? To keep in line with other workgroups, get feedback from stakeholders and ELAC on draft, and *then* present to ELAC as a final draft.
2. Are the EEMG match numbers included in private pay? Yes. Merged private foundation and Lily amount with match for \$14.3 million for philanthropic pay. This was a recent memo update.
3. With the reauthorization in terms of 12-month eligibility and graduated phase-out, is it safe to say that children will receive higher doses and higher quality (greater impact), but we will be serving less children? Yes.

Action Steps:

1. Group decided to circulate Memo to stakeholders first for feedback and make any edits, then put nearly final copy in front of ELAC for approval.
2. Both Melanie and Ted will check with First Steps regarding Memo issue that remains.
3. Kyle will zero out numbers that cannot tell us the specific funding amount for ECE, and reference in narrative instead.
4. Stakeholder List: Ted will send *heads up* email of request to circulate memo to Andrew. Kyle will send Kevin's letter to Ted to include.
5. Ted agreed to schedule/confirm phone meeting with Lori during next meeting in July.
6. Kyle will send request to members to read CEELO document and note any



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questions for Lori.

7. Kyle will ask Melanie and workgroup to take a look at the AIR Director Questionnaire to see if it's a good place to start with cost-survey, as well as discuss other next steps with co-chairs and Melanie.

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 9, 2015, 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Day Nursery, 615 Alabama Street #300, Indianapolis, IN

Conference Call: Dial in #: 866-528-2256, **Code:** 4758999

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